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Subject: Question on Status of Lands report for Pacific Remote Islands MNM

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This is a personal question - I was double-checking acreage figures for the marine monuments in the 2016 Lands Report, table 10, National Monuments, and noticed an entry for the PRI showing "Easements Acquired by other Federal Agencies" ****26,037.00 acres".

I would expect that since none of those islands are within a State or organized territory, all of the water (ocean) would be Federal, and its my understanding that easements are usually on land - but I don't think all of the islands together have that much land. Additionally, its not clear who the easement or easements would have been obtained by or from, since except for Palmyra all of the islands have always been Federal, and I don't think Federal agencies give easements to each other.

Could you get someone in Realty to explain this for me? No rush, could be either a phone call or email, and I certainly recognize that my understandings of any or all of this could be wrong.